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Ser Ile Val (SEQ ID NO: 1) was selected. The peptide was synthesized as molecules, in which 4 identical peptides were joined together from one end forming thus a multiple-antigen peptide (MAP). The peptides were synthesized with Millipore PerSeptive 9050 Plus automated peptide synthesizer and with Fmoc synthesis strategy. Fmoc-Lys(Fmoc)-OH was used as the backbone for the branched structure.

Please insert the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith immediately after the abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Please replace claim 7 with the following amended claim:)

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7. (amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in, that the microbial antigens are detected with antibodies, which have been produced against the synthetic peptide Ala Ser Phe Thr Ala Ile Gly Asp Thr Thr Ala Gln Val Pro Phe Ser Ile Val (SEQ ID NO: 1) or a derivative thereof.

REMARKS

Enclosed herewith in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 is a Sequence Listing to be inserted into the specification as indicated above. The Sequence Listing in no way introduces new matter into the specification. Also submitted herewith in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 is a computer readable form of the Sequence Listing. The computer readable form of the Sequence Listing, file "0933-0162P.ST25", is identical to the paper copy, except that it lacks formatting.